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I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1598 (2005) of 28 April 2005, as well as other relevant Security Council resolutions on Western Sahara. In several of these resolutions, the Security Council reiterated its call to the parties and States of the region to continue to cooperate with the United Nations.

Following the usual consultations, I have decided to appoint Ambassador Peter van Walsum (Netherlands), as my Personal Envoy for Western Sahara to help me assess the situation and to explore with the parties, neighbouring States and other stakeholders how best to overcome the present political impasse. As a first step, I have requested Ambassador van Walsum to establish contacts with the parties and neighbouring States to ascertain their views on the best way forward.

I should be grateful if you could bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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